Hysteria puts show at risk

MELBOURNE, Sunday.—
Police threatened to close
American pop star David
Cassidy's show at the Melbourne Cricket Ground today after ambulance men
treated 350 girls for minor
injuries and hysteria.

Fainting girls had to be passed over the heads of the crowd to first aid stations.

Screaming fans surging towards the stage forced many of the injured against steel crush barriers.

A senior police officer

brought the crowd under control when he said he would close the show unless they moved back from the barriers.

The injured were treated for broken bones, cuts and bruises. Promoter Harry Miller said the show was "the biggest thing in teeny-bopper hysteria since the Beatles"—NZPA—Reuter